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SUBJECT: US-USSR SPACE AGREEMENT (04)

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT CURRENT US DRAFT, INCORPORATING  
CHANGES BASED ON MOSCOW 6428 AND STATE 105664 AND  
PREVIOUS. SEPTTEL CONTAINS DISCUSSION OF RATIONALE,  
PARTICULARLY IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET COMMENTS CONVEYED  
IN MOSCOW 6428.

2. BEGIN TEXT: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS  
CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF  
OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET  
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SOCIALIST REPUBLICS;

CONSIDERING THE ROLE WHICH THE U.S.A. AND THE U.S.S.R.  
PLAY IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE FOR  
PEACEFUL PURPOSES;

STRIVING FOR A FURTHER EXPANSION OF COOPERATION BETWEEN

THE U.S.A. AND THE U.S.S.R. IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE  
OF OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES;

NOTING THE POSITIVE COOPERATION WHICH THE PARTIES HAVE  
ALREADY EXPERIENCED IN THIS AREA;

DESIRING TO MAKE THE RESULTS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH  
GAINED FROM THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE FOR  
PEACEFUL PURPOSES AVAILABLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE  
PEOPLES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND OF ALL PEOPLES OF THE  
WORLD;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY  
ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN THE  
EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING THE MOON  
AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES, AS WELL AS THE AGREEMENT  
ON THE RESCUE OF ASTRONAUTS, THE RETURN OF ASTRONAUTS,  
AND RETURN OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE;

ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE COURSE OF  
MUTUALLY AGREED ACTIVITIES PURSUED UNDER THE JANUARY,  
1971 AND MAY, 1972 AGREEMENTS ON SPACE COOPERATION AND  
IN ORDER TO DEVELOP FURTHER THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUALLY  
BENEFICIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES;

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET  
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON CONTACTS, EXCHANGES AND COOPERA-  
TION IN SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL,  
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AND OTHER FIELDS, SIGNED JUNE 19, 1973;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

THE PARTIES WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP COOPERATION IN SUCH  
FIELDS OF SPACE SCIENCE AND APPLICATIONS AS SPACE  
METEOROLOGY; STUDY OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT; EXPLORA-  
TION OF NEAR EARTH SPACE, THE MOON AND THE PLANETS;  
SPACE BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE; SATELLITE SEARCH AND  
RESCUE SYSTEMS; AND, IN PARTICULAR, WILL COOPERATE TO  
TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE AND ACHIEVE  
THE FULFILLMENT OF THE SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF DISCUSSION  
ON SPACE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. NATIONAL AERONAUTICS  
AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AND THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF  
THE U.S.S.R. DATED JANUARY 21, 1971, PERIODICALLY  
RENEWED.

ARTICLE 2

THE PARTIES WILL CARRY OUT SUCH COOPERATION THROUGH

THEIR APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AGENCIES BY MEANS OF  
MUTUAL EXCHANGES OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION AND  
DELEGATIONS, AND MEETINGS OF SCIENTISTS AND SPECIALISTS  
OF BOTH COUNTRIES, AND ALSO IN SUCH OTHER WAYS AS MAY  
BE MUTUALLY AGREED. JOINT WORKING GROUPS MAY BE  
CREATED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION.

ARTICLE 3

THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES WITH A  
VIEW TO COOPERATION IN MAJOR MANNED SPACE FLIGHT  
OPERATIONS FOR SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL OBJECTIVES,  
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INCLUDING THE USE OF COMPATIBLE RENDEZVOUS AND DOCKING  
SYSTEMS DERIVED FROM THOSE DEVELOPED IN THE PIONEERING  
APOLLO-SOYUZ FLIGHT OF JULY 1975. THESE STUDIES WILL  
BE CARRIED OUT ON THE BASIS OF PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES  
SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. NATIONAL  
AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AND THE U.S.S.R.  
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ON COOPERATION IN THE AREA  
OF MANNED SPACE FLIGHT DATED (ENTER DATE OF ALEKSANDROV  
SIGNATURE). THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH STUDIES WILL BE  
CARRIED OUT AS MAY BE AGREED BETWEEN THE TWO COOPERATING  
AGENCIES.

ARTICLE 4

THE PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO  
RESOLVE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE EXPLORATION  
AND USE OF OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES WITH THE  
AIM OF STRENGTHENING THE LEGAL ORDER IN SPACE AND  
FURTHER DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL SPACE LAW AND WILL  
COOPERATE IN THIS FIELD.

ARTICLE 5

THE PARTIES MAY BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT DETERMINE OTHER  
AREAS OF COOPERATION IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER  
SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE MAY 24, 1977 AND  
SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR FIVE YEARS. IT MAY BE MODIFIED  
OR EXTENDED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES.

DONE AT GENEVA THIS ( ) DAY OF MAY 1977 IN THE  
ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN LANGUAGES, BOTH EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

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